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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0454
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 Requestor: Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry
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 Subject: Hunting and fishing licenses
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$173,732	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	Insufficient data	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill is expected to increase Department of Natural Resources Other Fund expenditures by \$173,732 in FY 2015-16. Any additional Other Fund hunting license revenue earned as a result of program expansion would be used to offset the increased cost. This bill is not expected to have an expenditure or revenue impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends Section 50-9-650 by providing that a person must have immediate access and authorization to utilize deer quota tags to hunt on property with a Deer Quota Program permit. Additionally, this bill expands the permit program by requiring hunters to possess a set of individual deer tags to hunt all deer and sets the fees for these individual tags. Also, Section 50-9-920(B) is amended, which relates to the revenues derived from the sale of licenses, permits and tags and to substitute Deer Quota Program permit for Antlerless Deer Quota permit. This bill also adds Section 50-11-315, which sets the bag limit taken with individual deer tags and provides penalties associated with violations of this section. Section 50-11-320 is added, which states that all deer taken must be tagged and provides the penalties for altering such tags.

Department of Natural Resources. The Department estimates, based on currently available data, that expansion of the deer quota program, so as to include bucks, will increase expenditures by \$173,732 (in restricted funds) annually for printing and mailing tags. Any increase in deer

quota program license revenue would be used to offset the increased costs. This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

This bill deletes the need for individual antlerless deer tags, which are currently five dollars for both residents and nonresidents and requires hunters to purchase a set of individual deer tags. The new individual deer tags are fifteen dollars for a combined set of antlered and antlerless deer tags for in-state residents and thirty dollars for out-of-state residents. Also, the Antlerless Deer Quota Program has been expanded to include bucks and as a result, renamed the Deer Quota Program. Additionally, this bill sets bag limits on the number of all deer taken with the new individual deer tags.

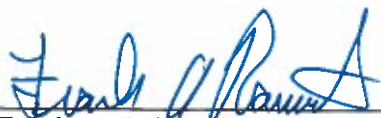
The Department of Natural Resources provided data on the number of antlerless deer tags and the number of big game permits sold in FY 2014. However, since the Department does not currently track the number of harvested bucks and the big game permit provides the privilege to hunt bear and turkey in addition to deer, we do not have sufficient data to determine a revenue impact at this time.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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